

7/07/2025

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Tēnā koe Arie

OIA: 1348759 and 1348761 – External investigation into unauthorised disclosure of Ministry information

Thank you for your emails of 29 May 2025 to the Ministry of Education (the Ministry) requesting the following information:

1. *I am seeking clarity on the scope and process of the external investigation announced in May 2025 into unauthorised disclosures of Ministry information, as reported by RNZ. Please provide:*
 - a. *The document or communication that formally commissioned or briefed Michael Heron KC to undertake the investigation.*
 - b. *Any Ministry documents that outline the inquiry's objectives, deliverables, or expected timeframes.*
 - c. *Records of any internal meetings (minutes or notes) where the scope or focus of the investigation was discussed prior to public announcement.*
2. *I am seeking information on how the Ministry responded internally to the leak of a Budget 2025 document reported by RNZ in May 2025. Please provide:*
 - a. *Copies of any all-staff or senior leadership team communications sent between 20 and 24 May 2025 referring to the RNZ report or to unauthorised disclosures of Budget 2025 material.*
 - b. *Any documents prepared by the Ministry between 20 and 24 May 2025 that assessed reputational, operational, or procedural risks arising from the RNZ contact or publication.*
 - c. *Records of meetings or briefings between Ministry senior leaders and the Minister's office on 21 or 22 May 2025 concerning RNZ's inquiry into Budget 2025.*

Your requests have been combined and numbered for the purposes of responding, and have been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act).

Regarding **part 1a** of your request, I am releasing the commissioning email in part as **Appendix A**, with some information withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act, to protect the privacy of natural persons. Please refer to the **Appendix A Document Table** below.

Regarding **part 1b** of your request, the objectives, scope, deliverables and timeframes of the investigation are contained within the Terms of Reference (ToR) provided to the investigator on 27 May 2025. The investigation process is confidential to the Ministry, and release of the ToR

would prejudice the interests protected by section 6(c) of the Act, as the making available of the information would be likely to prejudice the maintenance of the law, including the prevention, investigation, and detection of offences, and the right to a fair trial.

However, as envisaged under section 16(1)(e) of the Act, I am providing you with information relevant to this part of your request as an extract below.

Objectives of the investigation

This investigation aims to:

- *Identify the person(s) who obtained unauthorised access to the Report and/or provided the Report to Radio New Zealand (the incident)*
- *Assess whether the steps taken to improve the security settings of the document management system are adequate and whether the security around the Report was adequate*
- *Recommend further improvements to minimise the likelihood of similar incidents in the future.*

Deliverables, timeframes and reporting

The investigation will commence immediately and must be carried out with urgency. The investigator will provide periodic verbal updates to the Hautū | Deputy Secretary for Te Pou Rangatōpū | Corporate

A draft report of preliminary findings is expected within six weeks of commencement. The draft report will be reviewed by Legal Services to determine if any employee needs to be informed or consulted with before it is provided to the Secretary. The final report with confirmed findings and recommendations is expected no more than three weeks later. The final report will be addressed to the Secretary.

In response to **part 1c** of your request, details of meetings around the scope and focus of the investigation prior to public announcement are set out in **Table One** below. No formal notes or minutes were taken at these meetings, so I am refusing that aspect of **part 1c** of your request under section 18(e) of the Act, as the information requested does not exist.

Table One

Meeting date	Participants	Topic
21 May 2025	Ellen MacGregor-Reid (Secretary for Education), Sophie Wilson (Director of the Office of the Secretary for Education), James Jong (Chief Internal Auditor)	Agreed to an externally-led investigation, with digital forensic analysis where possible. Discussed potential leads suggested by Te Kawa Mataaho Public Service Commission, including Michael Heron KC.

Meeting date	Participants	Topic
22 May	Rob Campbell (Acting Deputy Secretary, Te Pou Rangatōpū Corporate), Sophie Wilson, James Jong	To discuss and agree contacting Michael Heron KC and the scope of the review.
22 May	Rob Campbell, James Jong, Micheal Heron KC (Investigator)	To discuss initial brief for the investigation.
28 May	James Jong, Benn Jordan (Internal Audit Practice Manager)	Meeting to discuss initial search artefacts and potential interviewees for Michael Heron KC.

We have identified six emails threads in scope of **part 2a** of your request. I am withholding one of these email threads in full under section 6(c) of the Act, as above, and a further email thread in full under section 9(2)(g)(i) of the Act, to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinions by or between or to Ministers of the Crown or members of an organisation or officers and employees of any public service agency or organisation in the course of their duty.

I am releasing the remaining four emails in part as **Appendix B**, with some information withheld under sections 9(2)(a) and 6(c), as above. Please refer to the **Appendix B Document Table** below.

I can confirm that no all-staff communications were sent between 20 and 24 May 2025.

As required under section 9(1) of the Act, I have considered the public interest in releasing the information withheld. I do not consider that the public interest considerations favouring the release of this information are sufficient to outweigh the need to withhold it at this time.

No risk-assessment documents were prepared between 20 and 24 May 2025, and no meetings or briefings were held between Ministry senior leaders and the Minister's office on 21 or 22 May 2025. I am therefore refusing **parts 2b and 2c** of your request under section 18(e) of the Act, as above.

Thank you again for your email. You have the right to ask an Ombudsman to review my decision on your request, in accordance with section 28 of the Act. You can do this by writing to info@ombudsman.parliament.nz or to Office of the Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143.

Nāku noa, nā



Rob Campbell
Hautū (Taupua) | Deputy Secretary (Acting)
Te Pou Rangatōpū | Corporate

Appendix A Document Table

#	Date	Type	Subject	Decision on release
1	22 May 2025	Email	Investigation into breach of confidence	Released in part. Information has been withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act.

Appendix B Document Table

#	Date	Type	Subject	Decision on release
1	22 May 2025	Email	Re: RNZ - NZ News, Current Affairs, Audio On Demand	Released in part. Information has been withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act.
2	22 May 2025	Email	RE: RNZ issued gag order by Attorney-General over education story RNZ News	Withheld in full. Information has been withheld under section 6(c) of the Act.
3	22 May 2025	Email	Re: Priority - information security	Released in part. Information has been withheld under sections 9(2)(a) and 6(c) of the Act.
4	22 May 2025	Email	RE: Drafts as a starting point	Withheld in full. Information has been withheld under section 9(2)(g)(i) of the Act.
5	22 May 2025	Email	RE: Draft TOR	Released in part. Information has been withheld under sections 9(2)(a) and 6(c) of the Act.
6	23 May 2025	Email	RE: Investigation into breach of confidence	Released in part. Information has been withheld under sections 9(2)(a) and 6(c) of the Act.

From: [James Jong](#)
To: michael@mhkc.co.nz
Cc: [Rob Campbell](#)
Subject: Investigation into breach of confidence
Date: Thursday, 22 May 2025 12:56:00 pm
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Kia ora Mike

I hope you are well. You may remember me working with you on the Covid-19 privacy breach commissioned by the Public Service Commissioner in 2020.

We have a situation that could use your expertise. You may have seen in the media that budget sensitive information has been inappropriately disclosed by unknown persons. The RNZ article below refers:

[RNZ issued gag order over pre-Budget education story | RNZ News](#)

The Secretary for Education would like to commission you to lead an investigation into the breach of confidence. Can you please advise if you are available to help us. If you are not available, could you please recommend anyone who could help us?

Rob Campbell, copied in this email, is the Hautū | Deputy Secretary who will be responsible for this engagement.

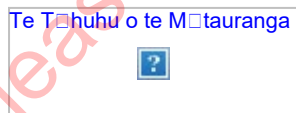
I look forward to hearing from you.

Ngā mihi
James

James Jong (he/him) | Chief Internal Auditor | Internal Audit and Assurance
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From: Ellen MacGregor-Reid
To: James Jong; Sophie Wilson; Andy Jackson; PARLIAMENT 9(2)(a)
Subject: Re: RNZ - NZ News, Current Affairs, Audio On Demand
Date: Thursday, 22 May 2025 6:48:03 am

Yep. It says channels not people though - although maybe channels is journalistic speak for people.

From: James Jong <James.Jong@education.govt.nz>
Sent: Thursday, May 22, 2025 6:46:08 AM
To: Ellen MacGregor-Reid <Ellen.MacGregor-Reid@education.govt.nz>; Sophie Wilson <Sophie.Wilson@education.govt.nz>; Andy Jackson <Andy.Jackson@education.govt.nz>; PARLIAMENT 9(2)(a) @parliament.govt.nz
Subject: RE: RNZ - NZ News, Current Affairs, Audio On Demand

“The report was the fourth in an unprecedented series of Budget-related education documents seen by RNZ in the past five weeks that have come via three different channels.”

There were two related to Kāhui Ako, and this one. What’s the fourth?

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From: Ellen MacGregor-Reid <Ellen.MacGregor-Reid@education.govt.nz>
Sent: Thursday, 22 May 2025 6:36 am
To: Sophie Wilson <Sophie.Wilson@education.govt.nz>; James Jong <James.Jong@education.govt.nz>; Andy Jackson <Andy.Jackson@education.govt.nz>; PARLIAMENT 9(2)(a) @parliament.govt.nz
Subject: RNZ - NZ News, Current Affairs, Audio On Demand

<https://www.rnz.co.nz/>

From: [Rob Campbell](#)
To: [Ellen MacGregor-Reid](#); [James Jong](#); [Andy Jackson](#)
Subject: Re: Priority - information security
Date: Thursday, 22 May 2025 8:24:59 am
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Morena,

I am going to talk to Stuart about pulling together a few options around security.

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We will also kick into the integrity work with a bit more pace which will focus on the 'hearts and minds' of staff.

Let me know if you have any thoughts or questions,

Ngā mihi,

Rob Campbell

Hautū (Taupua) - Te Pou Rangatōpū | Deputy Secretary (Acting) – Corporate

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From: Ellen MacGregor-Reid
Sent: Thursday, 22 May 2025 08:08
To: Stuart Wakefield
Cc: Rob Campbell ; James Jong
Subject: Re: Priority - information security
Thank you

From: Stuart Wakefield
Sent: Thursday, May 22, 2025 7:58:12 AM
To: Ellen MacGregor-Reid
Cc: Rob Campbell ; James Jong
Subject: RE: Priority - information security

Kia ora Ellen,

In light of today's news, just wanted to let you know we are expediting this work as a matter of urgency across the relevant corporate teams and will report back to you once it has been fully implemented.

Ngā mihi

Stuart

Stuart Wakefield | Chief Digital Officer
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From: Ellen MacGregor-Reid
Sent: Tuesday, 20 May 2025 8:27 am
To: Stuart Wakefield ; DL Te Pou Tokomanawa
Cc: James Jong ; Lynley Sinclair
Subject: RE: Priority - information security

Thank you for this advice Stuart. I am happy to proceed with your “on-balance” advice. It will be important we strengthen people’s understanding of the settings.

Ellen MacGregor-Reid | Te Tumu Whakarae mō te Mātauranga | Secretary for Education
Te Tari o te Tumu Whakarae mō te Mātauranga | Office of the Secretary for Education

From: Stuart Wakefield <Stuart.Wakefield@education.govt.nz>
Sent: Wednesday, 14 May 2025 3:22 pm
To: Ellen MacGregor-Reid <Ellen.MacGregor-Reid@education.govt.nz>; DL Te Pou Tokomanawa <DLTePouTokomanawa@education.govt.nz>
Cc: James Jong <James.Jong@education.govt.nz>; Lynley Sinclair <Lynley.Sinclair@education.govt.nz>
Subject: RE: Priority - information security

Kia ora koutou,

Re the following question:

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Ngā mihi

Stuart

Stuart Wakefield | Chief Digital Officer

Te Pou Rangatōpū | Corporate

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From: Ellen MacGregor-Reid <Ellen.MacGregor-Reid@education.govt.nz>

Sent: Friday, 9 May 2025 9:35 am

To: DL Te Pou Tokomanawa <DLTePouTokomanawa@education.govt.nz>

Cc: James Jong <James.Jong@education.govt.nz>; Stuart Wakefield

<Stuart.Wakefield@education.govt.nz>; Lynley Sinclair

<Lynley.Sinclair@education.govt.nz>

Subject: Priority - information security

Importance: High

Kia ora koutou,

I would like to draw your attention to a serious information security matter. During the course of investigating the two recent leaks about disestablishing Kāhui Ako, our Chief Internal Auditor discovered that both of the leaked documents were stored in SharePoint sites that were open to access and download by any Ministry person. 6(c)

Our ability to keep official information safe and secure is critical to trust and confidence. I would like the following recommendations from James to be actioned as soon as possible:

- **All Hautū** – review all SharePoint sites for which you or your teams are owners

to determine whether they are open to all Ministry people or closed to selected members. Sites or folders that are open must be reviewed to determine if there are any files or documents that should have restricted access. Records Services should be able to provide your teams with a comprehensive list of SharePoint sites and their security settings for your respective Groups.

- **Records Services** – advise Hautū and their teams on how the security settings of their SharePoint sites can be changed, as needed. Advise how files should be moved to preserve existing links.

- **Chief Information Security Officer** – 6(c)

[Redacted text block]

- **All Hautū / Training Services** – arrange for all kaimahi who work with information that must be protected to refresh their understanding of how to store and share documents safely.

This incident is a timely reminder to us all about the importance of information security controls, which need to be taken very seriously.

Ngā mihi,

Ellen

Ellen MacGregor-Reid

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From: [Sophie Wilson](#)
To: [James Jong](#); [Rob Campbell](#)
Cc: [Ellen MacGregor-Reid](#)
Subject: RE: Draft TOR
Date: Thursday, 22 May 2025 4:15:57 pm
Attachments: 6(c)
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Thanks James, I have suggested some edits (Rob this includes a few suggestions where I think you should be the key person). Agree that you progress it to Mike for comment as a draft.

Ngā mihi

Sophie Wilson

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From: James Jong
Sent: Thursday, 22 May 2025 3:40 pm
To: Sophie Wilson ; Rob Campbell
Cc: Ellen MacGregor-Reid
Subject: RE: Draft TOR

Updated TOR with changes attached, as discussed.

I suggest sending this draft copy to Mike Heron for his comments before Ellen approves.

Ngā mihi

James

James Jong (he/him) | Chief Internal Auditor | Internal Audit and Assurance

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From: Sophie Wilson <Sophie.Wilson@education.govt.nz>
Sent: Thursday, 22 May 2025 9:48 am
To: Rob Campbell <Rob.Campbell@education.govt.nz>; James Jong <James.Jong@education.govt.nz>
Cc: Ellen MacGregor-Reid <Ellen.MacGregor-Reid@education.govt.nz>
Subject: FW: Draft TOR

Sharing this with you Rob as discussed

Ngā mihi

Sophie Wilson

Director | Te Tari o te Tumu Whakarae mō te Mātauranga | Office of the Secretary for Education

From: James Jong <James.Jong@education.govt.nz>

Sent: Thursday, 22 May 2025 8:14 am

To: Sophie Wilson <Sophie.Wilson@education.govt.nz>

Cc: Ellen MacGregor-Reid <Ellen.MacGregor-Reid@education.govt.nz>

Subject: Draft TOR

Kia ora Sophie

I attach a rough draft of the TOR for your consideration.

Ngā mihi

James

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From: [James Jong](#)
To: [Sophie Wilson](#); [Rob Campbell](#)
Cc: [Peter Wood](#)
Subject: RE: Investigation into breach of confidence
Date: Friday, 23 May 2025 5:00:00 pm
Attachments: [Draft Investigation TOR v2.docx](#)
[image001.jpg](#)

Here is a cleaned and updated version incorporating feedback and changes suggested, but still marked as draft.

Ngā mihi
James

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From: Sophie Wilson <Sophie.Wilson@education.govt.nz>
Sent: Friday, 23 May 2025 2:10 pm
To: James Jong <James.Jong@education.govt.nz>; Rob Campbell <Rob.Campbell@education.govt.nz>
Cc: Peter Wood <Peter.Wood@education.govt.nz>
Subject: RE: Investigation into breach of confidence

Ellen will want a copy of the ToR when she meets with the Minister on Monday – Peter attached with the comments is the latest you can get into her pack for the weekend, but James will have a further updated version at some point.

Ngā mihi

Sophie Wilson
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From: Sophie Wilson
Sent: Friday, 23 May 2025 1:50 pm
To: James Jong <James.Jong@education.govt.nz>; Rob Campbell <Rob.Campbell@education.govt.nz>
Subject: RE: Investigation into breach of confidence

Hi James, I have added in a few comments from Ellen

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Sophie Wilson

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From: James Jong <James.Jong@education.govt.nz>

Sent: Friday, 23 May 2025 12:21 pm

To: Rob Campbell <Rob.Campbell@education.govt.nz>; Sophie Wilson
<Sophie.Wilson@education.govt.nz>

Subject: RE: Investigation into breach of confidence

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From: Rob Campbell <Rob.Campbell@education.govt.nz>

Sent: Friday, 23 May 2025 12:19 pm

To: Sophie Wilson <Sophie.Wilson@education.govt.nz>; James Jong
<James.Jong@education.govt.nz>

Subject: Re: Investigation into breach of confidence

Sounds good.

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Rob Campbell

Hautū (Taupua) - Te Pou Rangatōpū | Deputy Secretary (Acting) – Corporate

Mobile 9(2)(a)

From: Sophie Wilson <Sophie.Wilson@education.govt.nz>

Sent: Friday, 23 May 2025 12:18

To: James Jong <James.Jong@education.govt.nz>; Rob Campbell
<Rob.Campbell@education.govt.nz>
Subject: RE: Investigation into breach of confidence

Yes please

Ngā mihi

Sophie Wilson

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From: James Jong <James.Jong@education.govt.nz>

Sent: Friday, 23 May 2025 12:16 pm

To: Rob Campbell <Rob.Campbell@education.govt.nz>; Sophie Wilson
<Sophie.Wilson@education.govt.nz>

Subject: RE: Investigation into breach of confidence

Kia ora kōrua

Shall I go ahead and ask Mike Heron for a (fixed) fee estimate on the proviso that the timeframes (6 + 3 weeks) are acceptable to Ellen?

Ngā mihi

James

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From: Rob Campbell <Rob.Campbell@education.govt.nz>

Sent: Friday, 23 May 2025 8:58 am

To: James Jong <James.Jong@education.govt.nz>; Sophie Wilson
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Subject: Re: Investigation into breach of confidence

Thanks James - these look good to me.

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I also like the idea of a fixed fee for the engagement.

Cheers

Rob Campbell

Hautū (Taupua) - Te Pou Rangatōpū | Deputy Secretary (Acting) – Corporate

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From: James Jong <James.Jong@education.govt.nz>
Sent: Friday, 23 May 2025 07:52
To: Sophie Wilson <Sophie.Wilson@education.govt.nz>
Cc: Rob Campbell <Rob.Campbell@education.govt.nz>
Subject: FW: Investigation into breach of confidence

Kia ora Sophie

Please see the attached with Mike Heron's comments and suggested revisions, and my proposed responses. There is one question that I think Ellen should consider, and that is whether she wants

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Let me know what you think about the timeframe, and fixed fee proposal. We will need to follow a procurement process too, once we know the ball park fee.

Ngā mihi

James

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From: Michael Heron <michael@mhkc.co.nz>
Sent: Thursday, 22 May 2025 8:29 pm
To: James Jong <James.Jong@education.govt.nz>
Cc: Rob Campbell <Rob.Campbell@education.govt.nz>
Subject: Re: Investigation into breach of confidence

Hi James,

This looks good to me, thank you. I have made some suggested amendments/comments for your consideration. I am not insistent on any of them.

I normally work with the assistance of my junior barrister (9(2)(a)) who assists with interviews, document management, analysis and drafting. All that would be specified in my terms of engagement.

I am on leave from 6 June to 27 June, but am happy to continue on this matter remotely with the assistance of (9(2)(a)) and your team.

If we could agree upon the timing, then I would prefer to give a fixed fee, subject to the usual caveats. Just let me know the process you wish to follow.

Best wishes,

Michael Heron KC | Barrister



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(9(2)(a))

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From: James Jong <James.Jong@education.govt.nz>
Sent: 22 May 2025 5:21 PM
To: Michael Heron <michael@mhkc.co.nz>

Cc: Rob Campbell <Rob.Campbell@education.govt.nz>

Subject: RE: Investigation into breach of confidence

Kia ora Mike

Thanks for meeting with us today. As discussed, I enclose a draft TOR for your consideration. We will be grateful for any helpful comments on how this investigation should be carried out.

Ngā mihi

James

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From: Michael Heron <michael@mhkc.co.nz>

Sent: Thursday, 22 May 2025 1:21 pm

To: James Jong <James.Jong@education.govt.nz>

Cc: Rob Campbell <Rob.Campbell@education.govt.nz>

Subject: Re: Investigation into breach of confidence

Hi James,

Good to hear from you. Happy to help.

Could we have a quick chat this afternoon or tomorrow on AV or by phone to scope?

Many thanks

Mike

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Sent from my iPhone

On 22 May 2025, at 12:56 PM, James Jong <James.Jong@education.govt.nz> wrote:

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Rob Campbell, copied in this email, is the Hautū | Deputy Secretary who will be responsible for this engagement.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Ngā mihi

James

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